

## THE TRIAL OF A NOBLEWOMAN

### STORY OF THE ALLEGED PLOT TO PALM OFF AN HEIR.

**Sensational Accusation Against Countess Vesselski Kwiecki and Her Acquaintal in Berlin—Male Child Was Needed to Preserve the Family Fortune.**

*Berlin Dispatch to the London Times.*

The most sensational trial which has occurred in Berlin court for many years has concluded on Nov. 27. Countess Vesselski Kwiecki was charged before a jury with having falsely represented that she had given birth to a male child in Berlin on Jan. 27, 1897. Her husband, Count Vesselski Kwiecki, was accused of having conspired with her to represent a supposititious child purchased from a poor woman in Cracow as their own and heir, with a view to preventing their entailed estate of Vroblevo from passing out of their branch of the family to another line of Kwiecki.

In the dock with the Count and Countess were the midwife, Katharina Oeska; Joseph Kroska, an aged female servant; and her daughter, also a servant of the Countess. These three women were charged with being accessories to the crime. The Count and Countess and the two female servants pleaded not guilty. The midwife Oeska pleaded guilty. Oeska was not employed at the alleged abortion, but testified at a preliminary examination that having massaged the Countess some months before the date of the supposed birth she had observed all the signs of pregnancy.

The case has attracted an extraordinary amount of attention in Berlin, and indeed throughout Germany. The Count and Countess and the kindred family of the Kwiecki, on whose initiative the Public Prosecutor took action, occupy a high position among the Polish nobility, and the estate of Vroblevo, a succession to which was in question, has a rental of 70,000 marks.

In the year 1890 Countess Vesselski Kwiecki was 30 years of age. She had no children, the youngest of whom was born in 1879, and no son. The absence of a direct male heir had involved the Count and Countess in some serious inconveniences and losses. They had been living extravagantly and their credit was exhausted. The estate was already heavily mortgaged, and it was difficult to obtain further personal loans, seeing that in all her dealings the Countess would pass on the Count's death to the other line of Kwiecki, while the Countess and her daughters would then enjoy only very small jointures.

The financial position of the Count and Countess was well known to their neighbors in the province of Posen. When, therefore, in May, 1897, it was rumored in the district that the Countess was *en route*, there was a good deal of scepticism. The case was complicated by the fact that the Countess had all her life been in the district of Posen, and that the Countess was *en route*, there was a good deal of scepticism. The case was complicated by the fact that the Countess had all her life been in the district of Posen, and that the Countess was *en route*, there was a good deal of scepticism.

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## THE PUGILIST AND THE PUPIL.

### FIGHTERS WHO HAVE DEFEATED INSTRUCTORS AND VICE VERSA.

**Peter Jackson's Mill With Paddy Slavin—How Jim Corbett Developed His Future Heavyweight Career—Dixon's Experience With Joe Walcott.**

*By C. H. Evans and Son, Hudson, N. Y.*

Peter Jackson, the Australian heavy-weight pugilist, said that the "master" was the thing, no matter what the name may have been. "I have made this remark just before he went to England to fight Paddy Slavin in 1892. Slavin was once a pupil of Jackson's, and was regarded as one of the best of the big men that Australia turned out up to that time. Jackson knew this, and when some one hinted that he would probably whip him, he said: 'I will not be so easily deceived. I will make my hat off to him. If he doesn't, it will prove that I am still master and he is simply the pupil.'"

It is a well-known fact that Jackson and Slavin put up one of the best battles ever decided before the National Sporting Club. Ten hard rounds were fought. The skill was on Jackson's side, but Slavin was not a novice. In the tenth round Slavin was knocked out. Slavin had only words of praise for his conqueror, and often remarked: "He is the daddy of them all and is still my master."

But the theory of the master's exelling the pupil has been reversed many times since that mill. The most recent instance was the case of Jim Corbett and Jim Corbett. In 1897, when Corbett, then the champion heavyweight of the world, was matched to meet Bob Fitzsimmons at Carson City, he needed the services of a sparring partner. Billy Delaney, who was Corbett's trainer, was chosen for the purpose. Delaney was a former champion, and was a very good fighter. He was willing to pay them a good salary, but they were not satisfied to take a punching, and quit after a few days.

About that time Delaney heard of the advent in San Francisco of a big, heavy-weight, named Joe Walcott. Walcott had gone to San Francisco from his home, Los Angeles, in search of a job at his trade of bootmaker. Walcott had a letter of introduction to a California sporting man. The latter had seen Walcott in Los Angeles and asked the present champion to fight him. Walcott was a very good fighter, and was a very good fighter. He was willing to pay them a good salary, but they were not satisfied to take a punching, and quit after a few days.

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### RECORD WINNINGS OF EDMOND BLANC, FRENCH TURFMAN.

*Dublin Herald.*

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